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4 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Project Artichoke — Conversations with [redacted] C

1. On 4 October [redacted] briefed [redacted] Special Assistant to the [redacted] on the general aspects of Project Artichoke. A C H-B/3

2. [redacted] advised [redacted] that [redacted] has assigned to [redacted] the responsibility for developing all aspects of the project (which was described in general terms). The Director of Central Intelligence has briefed the heads of the intelligence agencies at an executive session of the Intelligence Advisory Committee. The heads of the intelligence agencies have promised their support, and the [redacted] and [redacted] have designated liaison officers to work with [redacted] on the project. [redacted] also represents the interests of the other components of the agency and is developing the project with them. A C A H-B/3

3. [redacted] indicated that his position in this project is that of coordinator or action man for [redacted] and that he is most anxious to establish the closest possible relationships with the [redacted] and the [redacted] indicated that there are certain specific research matters which should be followed up with the utmost vigor and that they should be developed with the advice and assistance of [redacted] It would be most helpful if we could develop our contacts on a very limited basis with [redacted] through the services of [redacted] suggested that [redacted] who is the principal assistant to [redacted] would be the best contact on this subject. [redacted] is sure that something is going on in the field, but would prefer that OIA approach him rather than taking the initiative himself. [redacted] suggested we prepare a briefing memorandum which he could refer [redacted] after which we would sit down with [redacted] and develop specific lines of attack. A H-B/3 H-B/6 C B/6

4. Since [redacted] will be in [redacted] the coming week, it was arranged that he would call [redacted] on Monday, 15 October, at which time [redacted] would provide him with the briefing memorandum and arrangements would be made for conversations with [redacted] C A

5. During the discussions it was emphasized that this project is being conducted by the agency on a closely controlled "need to know" basis and the orientation was confined to the defensive aspects.

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Executive Assistant, SI

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cc: [redacted]